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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM,  
FEC MULTIPLEXING DEVICE, FEC  
DEMULTIPLEXING DEVICE, AND  
ERROR CORRECTION METHOD

Examiner: A. Bello

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-17 have been allowed, and acknowledge the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Applicants, however, wish to point out that the Examiner's statement appears to be specific to features of independent claim 1 and that the scope of each claim should be based on the actual language recited therein. In the case of independent claims 4 and 6, these claims are allowable based on the features recited therein. Furthermore, Applicants note that the Examiner's reasons contain an apparent typographical error in the recitation of features from claim 1 (the "wherein the FEC generation section" portion is repeated within the Reasons for Allowance).

Applicants merely submit these comments in an effort to clarify the record with respect to the allowed claims.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone

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number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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